

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An illumination device comprising:

at least one light source;

a first hollow cylindrical housing member, said first hollow cylindrical housing member having at least one of said at least one light source disposed within it, said first housing member further including a side wall which includes at least one portion thereof which is opaque, and at least one other portion thereof which is translucent; and

a second hollow cylindrical housing member, said second cylindrical housing member having a larger diameter than the diameter of the first cylindrical housing member such that said first housing member may be disposed within said second housing member, said second housing member further including at least one portion of the side wall thereof which is opaque and at least one other portion of the sidewall thereof which is translucent,

at least one of said first and second cylindrical housing members being selectively rotatable relative to the other such that the translucent portions thereof may be coincident to permit light to pass from the at least one light source disposed within said first housing member and through the second housing member, and also selectively rotatable such that the opaque portions may be aligned such that no light from said at least one light source disposed within said first housing member can pass through the second housing member.

2. The illumination device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the translucent portions of said first and second housing members are transparent.

3. The illumination device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the translucent portions of said first and second cylindrical housing members comprise axially extending circumferential sections of each.

4. The illumination device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the translucent axially extending circumferential section of at least one of said first and second cylindrical housing members

comprises less than forty-five degrees of circumferential arc around said corresponding cylindrical member.

5. The illumination device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said device further comprises a base member and at least one upwardly extending support member to which the first and second housing members are mounted, and relative to which at least one of said first and second housing members may rotate.

6. The illumination device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said at least one light source is supported on a first support structure and the housing members are supported on a second support structure, such that when the support structures are positioned adjacent one another, the light source is disposed within the first housing member.

7. The illumination device as set forth in claim 6, wherein the first support structure comprises a base and a mounting arm to which the light source is mounted parallel to the base, the housing members are supported on a second support structure comprising a base and two support arms between which the housing members extend parallel to the base, and at least one of the support arms has an aperture leading to an enclosure defined by the first housing member.

8. The illumination device as set forth in claim 7, wherein the bases have corresponding shaped surfaces to ease the adjacent positioning of the support structures to dispose the light source within the first housing member.

9. An illumination device comprising:

a light source;

a first screening member having at least one portion thereof which is opaque and at least one other portion thereof which is translucent; and

a second screening member, disposed between said first screening member and the light source, said second screening member having at least one portion thereof which is opaque and at least one portion thereof which is translucent,

at least one of said first and second screening members being selectively translateable relative to the other such that the translucent portions and opaque portions of both screening members may be, alternatively, aligned such that light from the light source can pass through said screening members, or aligned such that light from the light source may not pass through said screening members.

10. The illumination device as set forth in claim 9, wherein said translucent portion of said screening members are transparent.

11. The illumination device as set forth in claim 9, wherein said first and second screening members are cylindrical or dome-shaped.

12. The illumination device as set forth in claim 11, wherein the light source is disposed within said second cylindrical screening member.

13. The illumination device as set forth in claim 9, wherein said light source is supported on a first support structure and the screening members are supported on a second support structure, such that when the support structures are positioned adjacent one another, the light source is disposed within the second screening member.

14. The illumination device as set forth in claim 13, wherein the first support structure comprises a base and a mounting arm to which the light source is mounted parallel to the base, the screening members are supported on a second support structure comprising a base and two support arms between which the screening members extend parallel to the base, and at least one

of the support arms has an aperture leading to an enclosure defined by the second screening member.

15. The illumination device as set forth in claim 14, wherein the bases have corresponding shaped surfaces to ease the adjacent positioning of the support structures to dispose the light source within the second screening member.

16. An illumination device comprising:

a first support element;

a light source supported on the first support element;

a second support element dimensioned to fully encompass the first support element without touching the first support element, the second element supporting an inner translucent screening member dimensioned to encompass the light source without touching the light source, the second element further supporting an outer opaque screening member adapted for use in selectively covering at least a portion of the inner translucent screening member.

17. The illumination device of claim 16, wherein the outer opaque screening member comprises a solid member that is dimensioned to encompass the inner translucent screening member.

18. The illumination device of claim 16, wherein the outer opaque screening member comprises at least two opaque panels, at least one of which is movable with respect to the other, which can be positioned to jointly encompass the inner translucent screening member, and alternatively positioned to reveal at least a portion of the inner translucent screening member.

19. The illumination device of claim 16, wherein the outer opaque screening member comprises an opaque folding door that can be closed about the inner translucent screening member and alternatively opened to reveal at least a portion of the inner translucent screening member.

20. The illumination device of claim 16, wherein the second element further supports an outer translucent screening member covering at least a portion of the outer opaque screening member to enclose that portion of the outer opaque screening member between the inner translucent screening member and the outer translucent screening member.